

ANNUAL SESSION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2021

Chairman Gray called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

All members present.

Public Hearing

Tentative 2022 County Budget

Larry Sorrell, 1 Thompson Park, Watertown, and Executive Director, Thompson Park Conservancy and Zoo New York thanked the Board for their historic and continued support of the Zoo. He appreciated that the Board wants to be good stewards of public dollars, and said the NYS Paycheck Protection Program funding they received was for 2020 and 2021 and they do not anticipate receiving that funding for 2022; whereas, the \$6,000 increase they requested from the County is for 2022. He said they continue to be impacted by relatively unprecedented inflation, and the increase in minimum wage; the Zoo is 75% funded by self-generated income in admissions, memberships and donations which have also been negatively impacted the last few years and that is anticipated to continue. He asked that legislators consider the over all impact to their operations in making funding decisions, thanked legislators for their past support, and looked forward to moving forward in a positive way.

No one else present wished to speak and Chairman Gray closed the hearing at 6:05 p.m.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

No one present wished to address the Board.

READING MINUTES OF LAST SESSION

The minutes of the October Session stand approved in the absence of objection or correction.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Town of Ellisburg forwarded Special Benefit Assessments for Water Districts 1 & 2.

Administrator Hagemann advised that the Jefferson County team for the North Country Community Cup came in second this year, and the team from Jefferson Community College came in first.

Thirty six resolutions from the 2021 NYSAC Fall Conference were received.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Finance & Rules Committee reported favorably on resolutions referred from other jurisdictional committees.

The Finance & Rules Committee provided a report on the 2022 Tentative Budget.

REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS AND OTHERS

The County Treasurer provided a report on Investments and Cash in Banks as of September 30, 2021.

The County Administrator provided a report on Budget Transfers for the month of October, 2021.

The County Auditor provided a report on Erroneous Assessments for the month of October, 2021.

LOCAL LAWS, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS

Resolution No. 238

Revising and Adopting 2022 Tentative Budget

By Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

Whereas, Pursuant to Section 357 of the County Law, the Finance and Rules Committee of this Board has reviewed the Budget Officer's 2022 Tentative Budget and has proposed that certain changes, alterations and revisions be made to said budget.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2022 Budget Officer's Tentative Budget be changed, altered and revised as shown on the attached Schedule A, said schedule shall be considered a part of this resolution as if fully set forth herein, and be it further

Resolved, That said Tentative Budget, with such changes, alterations and revisions as are heretofore set forth be and is hereby adopted as the Budget of the County of Jefferson for County fiscal year 2022.

Seconded by Legislator: Allen T. Drake

(This resolution references changes that were made to the Budget however the Finance & Rules Committee did not make any changes so there is no Schedule A from the Finance & Rules Committee)

Legislator Nabywaniec made a motion to amend the Tentative Budget to remove the 3% increase for all of the authorized agencies, except the North Country Library System, Jefferson County Historical Society, and the Volunteer Transportation Center who will retain the 3% increase; with the savings to fall back to fund balance. The motion was seconded by Legislator Reed.

Chairman Gray did not support the amendment as the agencies are accustomed to not asking for more funding and they do so at the request of the Budget Officer with the understanding that they will periodically receive an increase. He said not giving them an increase because they didn't ask is unfair, especially when some of them have requested additional funding in the past and been turned down; and four agencies asked for additional funding this year and only one is being funded. Also, this would not decrease taxes as the money is going back to fund balance, equates to less than a 1% increase per year since their last increase, and in the past (2018) all legislators approved an across the board increase for authorized agencies without comment. He had not heard and did not agree that the budget process is flawed, as the Board asks the Budget Officer to make recommendations, the Board then makes recommendations/changes and we move forward. He also did not agree with including certain agencies in order to gain votes as that brings politics into decision making.

Chairman Gray said he takes his fiduciary responsibilities very seriously, and in 2019 every agency came through the Finance & Rules Committee explaining their services and how they were using County dollars to leverage other dollars. There didn't appear to be any opposition at that time to any agency, although attendance at those meetings was lacking. He said these agencies provide a lot of community service and he felt a 3% increase was reasonable. He suggested that if the agencies 3% increase is taken away, the legislators should rescind their 3% salary increase because they never asked for it.

Legislator Jareo appreciated Chairman Gray's comments said he did not think there was anything wrong with negotiation and compromise between colleagues to get any amendment or resolution through as there are fifteen members of the Board with different views. He also said possibly he was not loud enough with his objections to the flawed budget process in the past because he has been saying it for years, continually.

Legislator Drake did not support the amendment as a 3% raise over two years is not unreasonable and the agencies provide a great service to the community. He agreed with the Chairman's comments as cutting the 3% will not save us money, and a lot of the agencies are worthy and he did not want hurt them or start picking apart who gets the money and who doesn't, however he was glad that the North Country Library System will receive an increase as he has four small libraries in his District.

Roll Call Vote on Amendment (to eliminate Authorized Agencies 3% increase, except for the Jefferson County Historical Society, North Country Library System and the Volunteer Transportation Center)

Ayes: Johnson, Nabywaniec, Calarco, McBride, Reed, Peck, Doldo, Ferris, Maxon, Cantwell, Grant, Jareo,

Nays: Drake, Montigelli, Gray

Amendment passed.

Chairman Gray made a motion to amend the Budget to rescind the 3% salary increase for Legislators, and the motion was seconded by Legislator Cantwell. Legislator Jareo expressed support for the amendment. Legislator Montigelli remembered words from former Legislator Carolyn Fitzpatrick relating the exercise that the Board went through in the past to bring legislators salaries up to an equitable position. He did not support the amendment as it would undo what has been done in the past to keep things equitable.

Roll Call Vote on Amendment (Rescind 3% salary increase for Legislators)

Ayes: Cantwell, Reed, Maxon, Doldo, Ferris, Nabywaniec, Grant, Jareo, Peck, Calarco, Johnson, Drake, McBride, Gray

Nays: Montigelli

Amendment passed.

Schedule A

			Finance & Rules <u>Recommend</u>	Board Session <u>Adopted</u>	Increase (Decrease) <u> </u>	Tax Levy <u>Impact</u>	Fund Balance <u>Impact</u>
Recommended Changes - 2022 Tentative Budget							
1.							
01 General Fund							
01101000	01100	Personal Services	241,833	234,783	(7,050)		(7,050)
01293000	04659	Cooperative Extension	696,548	676,260	(20,288)		(20,288)
01631001	04662	Comm Action Planning	109,305	106,121	(3,184)		(3,184)
01641000	04656	Jefferson County Fair	5,358	5,202	(156)		(156)
01641000	04657	Jeff Cnty Dairy Promotion	2,679	2,601	(78)		(78)
01641000	04660	Sports Fishery Advisory Bd	1,608	1,561	(47)		(47)
01642000	04665	Zoo	55,724	54,101	(1,623)		(1,623)
01642000	04690	Jeff Co Local Develop Corp	426,544	414,120	(12,424)		(12,424)
01642000	04734	FDRLO	25,750	25,000	(750)		(750)
01643000	04648	Bridge Prog/Urban Mission	26,265	25,500	(765)		(765)
01871000	04667	Soil Conservation Dist	205,750	199,757	(5,993)		(5,993)
Total Change in Tax Levy & General Fund Fund Balance						0	(52,358)

Legislator Peck thanked the Budget Officer for the 0% increase in the tax levy, said the County is doing good things with the Federal American Rescue Plan Act funding that will help the community and the County is on good financial ground moving forward.

Legislator Maxon thanked his colleagues for the excellent job that was done networking with

concerns on the budget to come to an agreeable compromise for a majority. He said it was nice to see the Board come together willingly and work together and pass a good budget instead of working from the top down. He also commended Legislator Montigelli for standing on principle and voting no alone on the amendment for the legislators salaries because that is his favorite kind of vote.

Chairman Gray thanked the Budget Officer and department heads for the time and effort they put into the budget to keep it reasonable and within the tax cap, on an annual basis, and finding a way to continue to provide the services that are required or expected by the community. He also commended the department heads for all their efforts year round.

Roll Call Vote on Resolution No. 238, as amended

Ayes: Calarco, Grant, Doldo, Nabywaniec, Cantwell, Maxon, Jareo, Ferris, Drake, Montigelli, Johnson, Peck, McBride, Reed, Gray

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 239

Appropriation for the Conduct of County Government for Fiscal Year 2022

By Legislator: William W. Johnson

Whereas, Pursuant to Sections 354 and 355 of the County Law the Budget Officer has prepared and submitted to this Board the 2022 Budget Officer's Tentative Budget, and

Whereas, Said Tentative Budget has been reviewed by the Finance & Rules Committee of this Board in accordance with Section 357 of the County Law, and

Whereas, Said Tentative Budget has been adopted by this Board by Resolution No. 238.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the numbers in the 2022 Budget Officer's Tentative Budget in the column entitled "Budget Officer's Recommendations," be inserted in the column entitled "Adopted," and be it further

Resolved, That, pursuant to Section 360 of the County Law, the several amounts specified in such budget in the column entitled "Adopted" be and are hereby appropriated for the objects and purposes specified, effective January 1, 2022.

Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Drake, Nabywaniec, Jareo, Johnson, Maxon, Grant, Doldo, Reed, Cantwell, Montigelli, Calarco, McBride, Ferris, Peck, Gray

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 240

Adopting Capital Plan for 2022 - 2027

By Legislator: Patrick R. Jareo

Whereas, Pursuant to Resolution No. 357 of 1992 and Section 99-g of the General Municipal Law, the Budget Officer has prepared and submitted as part of the 2022 Budget Officer's Tentative Budget a Six Year Capital Plan for the years 2022-2027.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That said Capital Plan be and is hereby adopted.

Seconded by Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: McBride, Maxon, Reed, Montigelli, Calarco, Doldo, Nabywaniec, Drake, Cantwell, Johnson, Peck, Ferris, Grant, Jareo, Gray

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 241

Certification of Taxes to the City of Watertown

By Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Board be and is hereby authorized and directed to certify to the Clerk and the Assessor of the City of Watertown, the apportioned share of the 2022 County Tax to be levied on real property within the City as follows:

County Tax \$8,859,454.09

Seconded by Legislator: William W. Johnson

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 242

Levying Tax Map Maintenance Charges for 2022

By Legislator: Patrick R. Jareo

Resolved, That, Pursuant to Section 503 of the Real Property Tax Law, the twenty-two Towns of the County be and are hereby charged \$272,233 for 2022 Tax Map Maintenance, and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Board of Legislators be and is hereby authorized and directed to apportion said sum among the twenty-two Towns in the County of Jefferson in accordance with Resolution No. 248 of 1987, and that the amount apportioned to each Town be and is hereby levied and assessed against the taxable property of the respective Town.

Seconded by Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Calarco, Peck, Nabywaniec, Drake, Cantwell, Ferris, McBride, Reed, Jareo, Doldo, Montigelli, Maxon, Johnson, Grant, Gray

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 243

Accepting Funding from the American Rescue Plan Act and Amending the 2021 County Budget in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Whereas, The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) is providing an infusion of resources to State, local, territorial and Tribal governments to respond to COVID-19 and address its economic fallout, and

Whereas, Each governmental unit has flexibility to use this funding to meet local needs – including support for households, small business, impacted industries, and communities hit hardest by the crisis, as well as investing in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure, and

Whereas, Jefferson County has received \$10,666,983.50 in ARPA funding, and

Whereas, This funding will be allocated to meet small business, landlords and non-for-profit organization needs; address agriculture and tourism sector challenges; replace lost County revenue, strengthen County services and address infrastructure needs, and

Whereas, The Board has identified much of the funding for allocation, with the remainder to be allocated in the future.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that Jefferson County hereby accepts said funding and authorizes the Chairman of the Board of Legislators to sign any and all documents necessary to accept such funding, subject to the approval of the County Attorney and County Administrator as to form and content, and be it further

Resolved, That the 2021 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

Revenue		
21104500 94089	Fed Aid - ARPA	\$10,478,996
Expenditure		
21104500 04975	Public Health Response	\$ 694,382
21104500 04976	Negative Economic Impacts	4,434,614
21104500 04977	General Government Services	3,850,000
21104500 04978	Water, Sewer, Broadband	1,500,000

Seconded by Legislator: Patrick R. Jareo

Legislator Maxon made a motion to amend the resolution to increase the \$40,000 allocation for the Volunteer Transportation Center to the \$100,000 they requested, the motion was seconded by Legislator Ferris.

Legislator Maxon said he was struck by a the presentation made by the Volunteer Transportation Center at the Finance & Rules Committee meeting (2019) in the volume of good work they do and how restricted they have been in their ability to reimburse their volunteers. Granting their \$100,000 request is just enough to make up the difference between their current reimbursement rate of 44¢ per mile and the federal rate of 59¢ per mile, and will allow them to retain their volunteers. He felt this was a worthy use of the ARPA money.

Roll Call Vote on Amendment (Increase allocation to Volunteer Transportation Center to \$100,000)

Ayes: Cantwell, Johnson, Calarco, Maxon, McBride, Doldo, Reed, Jareo, Montigelli, Ferris, Peck, Nabwyaniec, Grant, Drake, Gray

Amendment passed.

(Above resolution has the amendment incorporated)

With regard to Resolution No. 243 as amended, Legislator Peck said the County's plan to utilize the funding is exactly as it was intended and includes items that are logical, thoughtful, and impactful for the community as it addresses the most critical needs, recoups funds expended by County resources during the pandemic, and re-invests in infrastructure.

Roll Call Vote on Resolution No. 243, as amended

Ayes: Jareo, Reed, Doldo, Nabywaniec, McBride, Montigelli, Calarco, Peck, Cantwell, Grant, Ferris, Drake, Maxon, Johnson, Gray

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 244

**Authorizing the Vacating of Judgment of Foreclosure for Owners of Certain
Parcels of Real Property and Discontinuance of Foreclosure Proceeding.**

By Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

Whereas, pursuant to Section 1.6 of the Administrative Regulations for the Sale of Real Property Acquired by the County Pursuant to Real Property Tax Foreclosure Proceedings, certain owners of foreclosed properties have tendered offers to re-purchase County's right of foreclosure obtained in certain Tax Foreclosure proceedings, by depositing in trust with the County funds in an amount equal to all the tax, penalties, and interest, together with the County's established administrative fee, and

Whereas, The said owners and the amounts deposited are set forth in Exhibit "A" which is hereby incorporated herein, and made a part hereof.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that Pursuant to Section 1.6 of the Administrative Regulations for the Sale of Real Property Acquired by the County Pursuant to Real Property Tax Foreclosure Proceedings, the Board of Legislators does hereby approve of the re-purchase of the County's right of foreclosure to those individuals set forth in Exhibit "A", in considerations of the amounts paid by such individuals as shown on said Exhibit, and be it further

Resolved, That the County Attorney is hereby authorized to file with the Court a motion seeking an Order to vacate the Judgement of Foreclosure, discontinuing the *in rem* tax foreclosure action and cancelling the Notice of Pendency of such action in regard to the respective parcel(s) of property.

Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

EXHIBIT A

Jefferson County Delinquent Tax Buybacks as of 10/25.21

TOWN	PARCEL#	NAME	TAXES PAID
Orleans	32.11-2-2.12	Robert H. & Susan A. Barrie	\$9,066.48

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 245

Bond Resolution of the County of Jefferson, New York, Authorizing the Issuance of \$2,000,000 Serial Bonds to Finance Fifty Percent of the Cost of Construction of an Athletics Turf Field to be Undertaken by Jefferson Community College

By Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Whereas, By Resolution 181 of 2019, this County Board of Legislators committed to issue debt for fifty percent of the cost of an Athletics Turf Field at Jefferson Community College, and

Whereas, By College Resolution 165 of 2021, the Board of Trustees acknowledged SUNY capital funding to support fifty percent of the Turf Field Project.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, By the County Board of Legislators (the “Board of Legislators”) of the County of Jefferson, New York (the “County”) as follows:

Section 1. The County is hereby authorized to pay fifty percent (50%) of the costs of the construction of an Athletics Turf field on the main campus of Jefferson Community College, including grading and improvement of the site and equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purposes for which such constructed field is to be used, at an aggregate estimated maximum cost of \$2,000,000.

Section 2. It is hereby determined that the aggregate maximum estimated cost of the aforesaid specific objects or purposes to be financed by the County is \$2,000,000, said amount is hereby appropriated therefor, and the plan for the financing thereof shall consist of the issuance of \$2,000,000 in serial bonds (the “Bonds”) of the County which are authorized to be issued pursuant to this resolution and the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific objects or purposes is fifteen (15) years pursuant to subparagraph (a)(1), subdivision 12 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 4. Pursuant to Section 107.00(d)(9) of the Local Finance Law, current funds are not required to be provided prior to issuance of the Bonds or any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of issuance of the Bonds. If Section 107.00(d)(9) of the Local Finance Law is not in effect and current funds are required to be provided prior to issuance of the Bonds or any bond anticipation notes authorized by this resolution, the appropriate amount of funds required by Section 107.00 of the Local Finance Law shall be provided prior to the issuance of such Bonds or bond anticipation notes.

Section 5. The temporary use of available funds of the County, not immediately required for the purpose or purposes for which the same were borrowed, raised or otherwise

created, is hereby authorized pursuant to Section 165.10 of the Local Finance Law, for the capital purposes described in Section 1 of this resolution.

Section 6. The Bonds, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the Bonds, shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and the Bonds, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the Bonds shall be general obligations of the County, payable as to both principal and interest by a general tax upon all the real property within the County without legal or constitutional limitation as to rate or amount. The faith and credit of the County are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the Bonds, and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the County by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes to mature in such year, and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 7. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Local Finance Law, and pursuant to the provisions of Sections 21.00, 30.00, 50.00 and 56.00 to 63.00, inclusive, of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the Bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, the power to prescribe the terms, form and contents of the Bonds, and any bond anticipation notes, the power to sell and deliver the Bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds, and the power to issue bonds providing for level or substantially level or declining annual debt service, is hereby delegated to the County Treasurer, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the County.

Section 8. The Bonds and bond anticipation notes authorized to be issued by this resolution are hereby authorized to be consolidated, at the option of the County Treasurer, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the County, with the serial bonds and bond anticipation notes authorized by bond resolutions previously adopted by the Board of Legislators for purposes of sale into one or more bond or note issues aggregating an amount not to exceed the amount authorized in such resolutions. All matters regarding the sale of the Bonds, including the dated date of the Bonds, the consolidation of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes with other issues of the County and the serial maturities of the Bonds are hereby delegated to the County Treasurer, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the County.

Section 9. The validity of the Bonds or of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of the Bonds may be contested only if:

(a) (i) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the County is not authorized to expend money, or

(ii) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution or a summary thereof are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication; or

(b) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of New York.

Section 10. The County Treasurer, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the County, is hereby authorized to enter into an undertaking for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds from time to time, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of the Bonds, requiring the County to provide secondary market disclosure as required by Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12.

Section 11. The reasonably expected source of funds to be used to initially pay for the expenditures authorized by Section 1 of this resolution shall be from the County's General Fund. It is intended that the County shall then reimburse such expenditures with the proceeds of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes authorized by this resolution and that the interest payable on the Bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the Bonds shall be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes. This resolution shall constitute the declaration of the County's "official intent" to reimburse the expenditures authorized by this resolution with the proceeds of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes authorized herein, as required by Treasury Department Regulation Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the objects or purposes described herein.

Section 12. This resolution, or a summary hereof, shall be published in the Watertown Daily Times, the official newspaper of the County, together with a notice of the Clerk of the Board of Legislators, in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Financial Law.

Section 13. This resolution is not subject to a mandatory or permissive referendum.

Section 14. The Board of Legislators hereby determines that the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the regulations thereunder have previously been satisfied with respect to the expenditures authorized by this resolution.

Section 15. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Seconded by Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

Legislator Doldo did not agree that a turf field was important for the College vs. providing education, he felt this was a waste of money and would not support the resolution.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Grant, Drake, Peck, Montigelli, Cantwell, Reed, Johnson, Ferris, Calarco, Nabywaniec, Gray

Nays: McBride, Maxon, Jareo, Doldo

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 246

Increasing the Sliding Scale Income Eligibility Range for Partial Real Property Tax Exemptions for Certain Individuals Sixty-Five Years of Age or Over.

By Legislator: Patrick R. Jareo

Whereas, The Jefferson County Board of Supervisors established a sliding scale for income eligibility for a partial real property tax exemption for certain individuals sixty-five years of age or over, pursuant to section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law by Resolution No. 201-A of 1985, and

Whereas, The Sliding scale was modified by Resolutions Nos. 385 of 1988, 87 of 1990, 42 of 1991, 6 of 1995, and 196 of 2005 in order to increase the level of income eligible for such exemption, and

Whereas, The income eligibility levels have not been increased for over 15 years, nor adjusted in relation to the Federal Poverty Income Guideline which stands at \$17,430 for a two person household for 2021, and

Whereas, It is the Board of Legislator's desire at this time to increase the income levels of eligibility for the partial real property tax exemption for individuals 65 years of age and over.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That pursuant to section 467 of the Real Property Tax law there is hereby established a sliding scale of income eligibility for a partial real property tax exemption for certain individuals sixty-five years of age or over, and said income levels and percentages of exemption being as follows:

<u>Annual Income</u>	<u>Percentage of Assessed Valuation Exempt from Taxation</u>
Less than or equal to \$17,400	50 per centum
More than \$17,400, but less than or equal to \$18,400	45 per centum
More than \$18,400, but less than or equal to \$19,400	40 per centum
More than \$19,400, but less than or equal to \$20,400	35 per centum

More than \$20,400, but less than or equal to 21,300	30 per centum
More than \$21,300, but less than or equal to \$22,200	25 per centum
More than \$22,200, but less than or equal to \$23,100	20 per centum

and it is further,

Resolved, That eligibility for the exemption under the above schedule is dependent upon compliance with all applicable provisions of New York Real Property Tax Law Section 467 and as it may be amended from time to time, and it is further,

Resolved, That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption following a public hearing, and the Clerk of he Board of Legislators shall, after its adoption, file certified copies in the offices of the Board of Legislators, Director of Real Property Tax Services, County Treasurer, and with the various Town and Village Assessors of the County of Jefferson.

Seconded by Legislator: William W. Johnson

Legislator Peck was very thankful to see this resolution come forward as a it would help a constituent of his who was on a fixed income. He said the town and school had already adjusted their sliding scales and he appreciated the support of legislators as it will help senior citizens to stay in their own homes. Chairman Gray thanked Legislator Peck for bringing this forward as he was sure it would help many senior citizens in the community.

Legislator Peck made a motion to lay the local law on the table pending a public hearing. Such motion was seconded by Legislator Maxon and unanimously carried by the Board.

Resolution No. 247

Establishing a Time and Place for a Public Hearing on a Resolution Increasing Sliding Scale Income Eligibility Range for Partial Real Property Tax Exemptions for Certain Individuals Sixty-Five Years of Age or Over

By Legislator: William W. Johnson

Whereas, A resolution has been duly introduced before this Board which provides for an increase in the levels of income eligible for a partial exemption from real property taxes for certain individuals aged sixty five years or over as authorized by Section 467 of Real Property Tax Law, and

Whereas, Section 467 of Real Property Tax Law requires that a public hearing be held concerning said resolution prior to final consideration by the Board.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That a public hearing on Resolution No. 246 of 2021 entitled “Increasing the Sliding Scale Income Eligibility Range for Partial Real Property Tax Exemptions for Certain Individuals Sixty-Five Years of Age or Over” be held before this Board on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. in the Chambers of this Board of Legislators, 195 Arsenal Street, Watertown, New York, and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board is hereby directed to give notice of such public hearing as required by law.

Seconded by Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 248

Authorizing Employment Agreement with the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Employees Local 3089, Council 82, AFSCME, AFL-CIO

By Legislator: William W. Johnson

Whereas, The attached employment agreement between the County of Jefferson and the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Employees for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2025 has been reached through collective bargaining in accordance with Civil Service Law.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into an agreement, in the form hereto attached, with the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Employees, and be it further

Resolved, That, Pursuant to Section 450 of County Law, the Chairman of the Board of Legislators be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreement on behalf of Jefferson County.

Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

(Attachment is included as an Addendum to the minutes)

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 249

Designating A Certifying Officer for the 2020 Community Development Block Grant Award

By Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

Whereas, Jefferson County has been awarded a grant (581HR116-20) from the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR) through its 2020 Community Development Block Grant program to fund a housing rehabilitation program to benefit income eligible homeowners throughout Jefferson County, and

Whereas, By Resolution 174, the Board of Legislators authorized a grant agreement and committed to comply with all state and federal regulations that are applicable to that funding, and

Whereas, In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the related authorities listed at 24 CFR Part 58, the County is required to conduct an Environmental Review before grant award funds are released, and

Whereas, The NYS OCR, as the agency responsible for administering HUD funding in New York State, requires that local communities administering programs with that funding must designate a Certifying Officer with authority to monitor compliance with the environmental review process.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Michael J. Bourcy, Director of the Jefferson County Department of Planning is hereby appointed as Certifying Officer for Jefferson County with authority to monitor compliance for 581HR116-20 with 24 CFR Part 58 of the federal regulations, and be it further

Resolved, That any problems or complaints related to this compliance shall be reported to the County Administrator, who will determine what action is required under the regulations.

Seconded by Legislator: William W. Johnson

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 250

Authorizing CAP Court, On-Call and Call-In Pay for Attorneys and Amending the 2021 County Budget in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: Patrick R. Jareo

Whereas, By Resolutions 106 and 113 of 2020, This Board of Legislators authorized On-Call and Call-In pay for attorneys pursuant to New York State's directive that arraignments cannot be performed until counsel for the defendant is present, and

Whereas, The referenced resolutions are in effect until a fully Centralized Arraignment Part (CAP) court can be established, and

Whereas, A CAP court is being established in Jefferson County with designated arraignment times, which will require attorneys to be present every evening, and

Whereas, Court coverage may be by rotation of staff attorneys seven days per week, or by staff attorneys whose regular schedule will include five evenings per week at CAP court plus rotation coverage for two evenings per week, and

Whereas, Unscheduled arraignments in Jefferson County may still occasionally occur outside the CAP court hours and outside of normal work hours, and

Whereas, This Board recognizes the need to compensate staff attorneys for these work requirements when they fall outside their regular schedule.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, When a staff attorney is assigned to CAP court outside their regular schedule, that attorney will be compensated at the rate of \$200 per assignment, and be it further

Resolved, That staff attorneys assigned to on-call status outside of CAP court and normal work hours shall be compensated at the rate of \$6.25 per hour, and be it further

Resolved, That whenever District Attorney or Public Defender staff attorneys are called in to unscheduled arraignments at times that are not contiguous to their normal work day, they will be compensated at their hourly rate for actual hours worked or two (2) hours, whichever is greater, and be it further

Resolved, That whenever District Attorney or Public Defender staff attorneys are called to participate in virtual unscheduled arraignments at times that are not contiguous to their normal work day, they will be compensated at their hourly rate for actual hours worked or one (1) hour, whichever is greater, and be it further

Resolved, That this Resolution takes effect upon the establishment of a CAP court, and be it further

Resolved, That the 2021 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

Expenditure		
01116500 01300	Overtime	\$25,000
01117000 01300	Overtime	38,000

Decrease:

Expenditure		
01199000 04963	Contingent Account	\$63,000

Seconded by Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 251

**Amending the 2021 County Budget in Relation to Aviation Fuel Purchases
at the Watertown International Airport**

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, Watertown International Airport provides fueling services to general aviation and commercial air carrier operators, and

Whereas, Additional fuel purchases are needed to maintain fueling operations and meet demand, and

Whereas, Funds are available within the airport budget and the Airport Manager has requested a transfer to pay for associated expenses.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2021 County Budget is amended as follows:

Increase:

Revenue		
01561000 91789	Other Airport Income	\$ 10,500
01561000 93589	State Aid - SOARS	48,200
Expenditure		
01561100 04575	Cost of Fuel & Oil Sales	\$ 114,660

Decrease:

Expenditure		
01561000 04115	Telephone	\$ 1,000
01561000 04219	Insurance	2,640
01561000 04480	Highway Pavement Marking	9,945
01561000 04482	Surface Treatment	16,000
01561000 04484	Brush and Weed Control	1,700
01561000 04510	Medical Supplies	450
01561000 04587	Drainage Items & Pipe	1,625
01561000 04589	Gravel, Stone, Sand	1,600
01561100 08010	State Retirement	5,000
01561100 08020	Health Benefits	14,000
01561100 08030	Social Security	2,000

Seconded by Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Nabywaniec, Reed, Calarco, Doldo, Jareo, Ferris, Grant, McBride, Maxon,
Montigelli, Drake, Peck, Johnson, Cantwell, Gray

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 252

**Authorizing Agreement in Relation to the FY20 New York State
Interoperable Communications Targeted Grant**

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Whereas, Jefferson County has been awarded a FY20 NYS Interoperable Communications Targeted Grant (SICG) in the amount of \$761,649 for the period January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2022, and

Whereas, The County must enter into an agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to receive these grant funds to enhance public safety operations by strengthening communications infrastructure, and

Whereas, The grant will be used to continue lease/purchase payments for the P25 UHF Trunked Radio System authorized by Resolution 279 of 2016, and

Whereas, The funding will cover payments to be contained in the 2022 County Budget.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, That the County of Jefferson hereby accepts the grant, and the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents as may be required to fulfill the requirements of this grant award on behalf of Jefferson County.

Seconded by Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 253

**Authorizing Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Hounsfield for Transfer of
Ownership of Culvert J033 and Amending the County Highway Map in Relation Thereto**

By Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

Whereas, By Resolution 76 of 1999 this Board authorized the "Jurisdictional Road

Reclassification Program” providing for the transfer of certain roads and parts thereof to the Town in which the road is located upon the recommendation of the Highway Superintendent, and

Whereas, Sections 115-b and 115-c of New York Highway Law provide the County Board of Legislators with the authority, upon the recommendation of the Highway Superintendent and pursuant to a written agreement with the governing body of a town, to remove portions of roads including culverts from the highway system upon the adoption of a resolution, and

Whereas, The Jefferson County Highway Superintendent has recommended the removal of Culvert J033 located in the Town of Hounsfield on the town road called Military Road from the County Highway System and that ownership of said culvert be transferred to the Town of Hounsfield as hereinafter set forth.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board and the Highway Superintendent are hereby authorized to execute an intergovernmental agreement with the Town of Hounsfield to transfer ownership of Culvert J033 to the Town, and be it further

Resolved, That upon conveyance of the above described section of county highway to the Town of Hounsfield, it shall be deleted from the Jefferson County Highway System Map, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board and County Attorney are hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents to effectuate the transfer of ownership as above described.

Seconded by Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 254

Amending 2021 County Budget in Relation to Road and Road Machinery Funds

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Whereas, Bids have resulted in increased costs for road striping and sign post steel and other materials, and

Whereas, Towns have been hired to perform more project work than originally anticipated due to lack of applications for temporary employment, and

Whereas, An additional lift is needed to repair vehicles which are backed up, and there is increased need for maintenance of other buildings-related equipment.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2021 County Budget is amended as follows:

Increase:

Revenue		
10900400 92665	Sale of Equipment	\$ 34,017.50

Expenditure		
05331000 04480	Highway Pavement Marking	\$ 10,000.00
05331000 04585	Operating Supplies	10,000.00
05511000 04686	Hired Machines	180,000.00
10513000 02500	Building/Grounds Equipment	44,000.00
10513000 04211	Building/Prop Maintenance	15,184.27

Decrease:

Expenditure		
05331000 01110	Temporary	\$ 20,000.00
05511000 01110	Temporary	180,000.00
10513000 02403	Pickup Truck Replacement	18,825.93
10513000 02405	Service Truck Replacement	6,340.84

Seconded by Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Calarco, Reed, Jareo, Grant, Peck, Johnson, Cantwell, Nabywaniec, Montigelli, Ferris, Drake, McBride, Doldo, Maxon, Gray

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 255

Accepting HOME Investment Partnership American Rescue Plan Grant Funding and Amending the 2021 County Budget in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, Resolution 54 of 1993 adopted by the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors authorized the formation of a three county organization, known as the North Country HOME Consortium (NCHC), for the purpose of obtaining HOME Investment Partnership Program funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and

Whereas, Said resolution designated Jefferson County as the Lead County of the Consortium, which also includes Lewis and St. Lawrence Counties, and

Whereas, The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 appropriated funding to HUD to

provide housing, services, and shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable populations, to be allocated by formula to jurisdictions that qualified for HOME Investment Partnerships Program allocations in Fiscal Year 2021, and

Whereas, Jefferson County, acting as Lead County on behalf of the North Country HOME Consortium, is a qualified jurisdiction and has been awarded a 2021 HOME-ARP Grant in the amount of \$2,988,032 for the purpose outlined above.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board is hereby authorized to execute said grant agreement on behalf of Jefferson County, subject to the approval by the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further

Resolved, That the 2021 County Budget be amended as follows:

Increase:

Revenue		
30866800 94089	Federal Aid - ARP	\$ 2,988,032

Expenditure		
30865000 04005	Supportive Housing - ARP	\$ 2,988,032

Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Drake, Maxon, Cantwell, Montigelli, Doldo, Grant, Johnson, Jareo, Ferris, Peck, Reed, Calarco, McBride, Nabywaniec, Gray

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 256

Amending the 2021 County Budget for Corrections Insurance

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Whereas, Insurance coverage costs have increased unexpectedly by an average of 25% over last year, including medical professional liability covering corrections medical staff, and

Whereas, Funding is available in the Corrections Personal Services account due to vacancies.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2021 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

Expenditure
01315000 04219 Insurance \$ 21,885

Decrease:

Expenditure
01315000 01100 Personal Services \$ 21,885

Seconded by Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 257

Approving the 2022 Stop DWI Plan

By Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Whereas, This Board is in receipt of the Stop DWI Budget for County Fiscal Year 2022.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the plan for the coordination of County, Town, City and Village efforts to reduce alcohol related traffic injuries and fatalities during 2022 be and is hereby adopted as the Jefferson County Stop DWI Plan for 2022, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to sign the Certification Page of the 2022 Stop-DWI Plan on behalf of Jefferson County, and be it further

Resolved, That, Upon approval of said Stop DWI Plan by the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles, expenditure of Stop DWI funds in accordance with said Plan and the 2022 Jefferson County Budget is hereby authorized.

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

All members present voted aye, except Legislator Jareo who voted nay.

Resolution No. 258

**Supporting Operation Green Light for Active Military Service Members
Transitioning to Veteran Status in Civilian Life**

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, The residents of Jefferson County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all of the men and women who have selflessly served their country and this community in the Armed Forces and whose contributions and sacrifices have been vital in

maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens, and

Whereas, Jefferson County seeks to honor these individuals who have placed themselves in harm's way for the good of all, and who continue to serve their community as they transition to civilian life, and

Whereas, Approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually and studies indicate from 44% to 72% of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life, including a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service, and

Whereas, Operation Green Light is a collaboration between the NYS Association of Counties, NYS Council of Education Associations, the NYS County Veteran Service Officers Association and the 62 counties of New York State to show support for veterans and raise awareness about the challenges they face and the resources available to assist them and their families.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, With designation as a Green Light for Military Service County, Jefferson County hereby declares November 1st 2021 through Veterans Day, November 11th 2021 a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform transitioning from Active Service, and be it further

Resolved, That in observance of Operation Green Light, Jefferson County will display green lights and encourages its citizens to do so as well to honor all those who helped to preserve freedom.

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 259

Accepting Supplemental Unmet Needs Funding through Office for the Aging and Amending the 2021 County Budget in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, NYS Office for the Aging has advised Jefferson County Office for the Aging of the allocation of supplemental funding for unmet needs, and

Whereas, Funding in the amount of \$85,000 is available for allowable activities relating to respite programs outside the home.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County hereby accepts said funding for the period April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022 and authorizes the Chairman of the Board of

Legislators to sign any and all documents necessary to accept such funding, subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further

Resolved, That the 2021 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

Revenue		
01677200 93773	State Aid - OFA - Single Point of Entry	\$85,000
Expenditure		
01677200 04605	Day Care/Respite Care	\$85,000

Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Cantwell, Ferris, Nabywaniec, Johnson, Jareo, McBride, Maxon, Peck, Calarco, Montigelli, Doldo, Grant, Drake, Reed, Gray

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 260

**Authorizing Agreement for Provision of Related Services
in Connection with the Program for Preschool Children with Disabilities**

By Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

Whereas, The Program for Preschool Children with Disabilities provides a variety of related services to children aged three to five years with certain disabilities, such services to be provided in the least restrictive environment, be it home or agency based, and

Whereas, Chapter 243 of the Laws of 1989 requires that counties maintain a list of appropriately certified or licensed professionals to deliver related services to preschool children with disabilities and set a reasonable reimbursement rate for such services, subject to the approval of the New York State Education Department, and

Whereas, By Resolution No. 111 of 2021 Jefferson County authorized agreements with providers for the provision of related services and set rates, and an agreement for an additional provider and service needs to be authorized.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That, pursuant to Section 4410 of the Education Law, Jefferson County enter into an agreement with the following party for the provision of the indicated

service(s). The term of said agreement shall be for the period November 10, 2021 through June 30, 2022 in accordance with the requirements of the State Education Law and regulations:

<u>Provider</u>	<u>Service</u>
Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired	Teacher of the Visually Impaired And Orientation and Mobility

and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute such agreement on behalf of Jefferson County with the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 261

Amending the 2021 County Budget Relative to Community Services Department

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, Additional appropriations are needed to cover current and future care, maintenance and examination services to patients placed in NYS Office of Mental Health psychiatric facilities pursuant to County Criminal or Family Court Orders, and

Whereas, The costs for services are entirely a Jefferson County expense.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2021 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

01439000 04413	Medical Fees - Court Commitments	\$137,000
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Decrease:

01199000 04963	Contingent Account	\$137,000
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Seconded by Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 262

**Amending the 2021 County Budget to Allocate Additional State Aid
for Community Services Mental Health Programs and Authorizing
Amended Agreements in Relation Thereto**

By Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

Whereas, The New York State Office of Mental Health has approved an additional State Aid award for a 1% cost of living adjustment effective April 1, 2021, and

Whereas, The 2021 County Budget needs to be amended to reflect the additional funds.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2021 County Budget is amended as follows:

Increase:

Revenue

01431000 93490	State Aid - Mental Health	\$275
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Expenditure:

01432000 04708	NRCIL FSS RIV	\$ 46
01432000 04714	NCTLS Reinvestment	1
01432000 04718	JRC Employment	65
01432000 04721	Mental Health Assn	131
01432000 04732	Children's Home - Jeff Co	32

and be it further

Resolved, that the Chairman of the Board is authorized to execute the necessary amended agreements related to this additional funding with the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Montigelli, Grant, Reed, Ferris, McBride, Nabywaniec, Jareo, Peck, Maxon, Doldo, Drake, Johnson, Calarco, Cantwell, Gray

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 263

**Amending the 2021 County Budget to Accept Additional Funding
for Veterans Peer Support (P2P) Pilot Program and**

Amending Agreements in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, By Resolution 94 of 2021 Jefferson County accepted funds for the Veterans Peer Support (P2P) Pilot Program and authorized agreements with River Hospital and the Mental Health Association, and

Wheres, Additional NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) funding in the amount of \$46,250 has been received, and will cover the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, and

Whereas, Amended agreements need to be authorized, and the budget amended to reflect the additional funding.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into an agreement with the NYS OMH to receive the additional funds, and amended agreements with the River Hospital and the Mental Health Association for the new funding, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators and the Community Services Director are hereby authorized and directed to execute the above agreements subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further

Resolved, that the 2021 County Budget is amended as follows:

Increase:

Revenue		
01431000 93490	State Aid Mental Health	\$46,250
Expenditures		
01432000 04735	Veterans Peer Support	\$46,250

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Cantwell, Reed, Calarco, Johnson, Peck, Drake, McBride, Maxon, Nabywaniec, Montigelli, Grant, Ferris, Jareo, Doldo, Gray

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 264

**Re-Appointing Member to Jefferson County
Public Health Service Health Services Advisory Board**

By Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Resolved, That the following individual be and is hereby re-appointed as a member of the Jefferson County Health Services Advisory Board for terms to expire as indicated below:

<u>Members</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
<u>Re-Appointments:</u> Stephen J. Todd	12/31/2024

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Legislator Jareo said he is still voting no on any appointment resolutions as he has for the last few months because while the new process has been defined, nothing has changed with regard to legislators reviewing appointments.

All members present voted aye, except Legislator Jareo who voted nay.

Resolution No. 265

**Re-Appointing Members to Jefferson County Public Health Service
Professional Advisory Committee**

By Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Resolved, That the following individuals be and are hereby re-appointed as members of the Professional Advisory Committee for terms to expire as indicated below:

<u>Members</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
<u>Re-Appointments:</u> Margaret L. Bootie	12/31/2025
Mary Downey	12/31/2025
Sherri Baszto	12/31/2025

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

All members present voted aye, except Legislator Jareo who voted nay.

Resolution No. 266

**Re-Appointing Members to the
Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advisory Board**

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Resolved, That the following individuals be and are hereby re-appointed as members of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advisory Board for terms to expire as indicated below:

<u>Members</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
<u>Re-Appointments:</u>	
Reuben Pruitt	12/31/2024
Larry Jobson	12/31/2024
Robert VanCoughnett	12/31/2024
David McIntyre	12/31/2024
Tom Zecher	12/31/2024

Seconded by Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

All members present voted aye, except Legislator Jareo who voted nay.

Resolution No. 267

Accepting Additional Funding for NYSDOH Supplemental Funding for Covid 19 Vaccine Response Contract and Amending the 2021 County Budget

By Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Whereas, By Resolution 207, this Board of Legislators accepted a NYS COVID-19 Vaccine Response Grant, and

Whereas, The New York State Department of Health awarded Jefferson County Public Health Service (JCPHS) additional funding relative to the Covid 19 Vaccine Response contract, and

Whereas, JCPHS will receive additional funding in the amount of \$199,239.96 for the period January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024 to increase vaccination administration, and promote vaccinations through education and advertising, and

Whereas, Funding will cover some already established expenses as well as increased advertising in 2021, and future year appropriations.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County hereby accepts said funding, and authorizes the Chairman of the Board of Legislators to execute any and all documents necessary to accept said funding, subject to approval by the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further,

Resolved , That the 2021 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

Revenue
01405000 94489 Federal Aid - Other Health \$20,000

Expenditure
01405100 04415 Advertising \$20,000

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Drake, Jareo, Doldo, Nabywaniec, Reed, Cantwell, McBride, Peck, Ferris,
 Montigelli, Johnson, Grant, Calarco, Maxon, Gray

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 268

**Amending the 2021 County Budget Relative to Public Health Department -
Emergency Medical Services**

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, The following Public Health Emergency Medical Services (EMS) operating account is projected to be overspent by year's end due to an increase in EMS students in training classes at Jefferson Community College, and

Whereas, There are funds available for transfer within the Public Health Department Personal Services account due to vacancies.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the 2021 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:
01405700 04650 EMS JCC Tuition \$35,000

Decrease:
01405000 01100 Personal Services \$35,000

Seconded by Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 269

Amending the 2021 County Budget Relative to Public Health Department Account

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, The following Public Health operating account is projected to be overspent by year's end due to an increase in ordered patient supplies for wound care and increasing cost of such supplies, and

Whereas, There are funds available for transfer within the Public Health Department Personal Services account due to vacancies.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the 2021 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

01405000 04510	Home Health Medical Supplies	\$30,000
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Decrease:

01405000 01100	Personal Services	\$30,000
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Seconded by Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

All members present voted aye.

Legislator Peck reminded legislators of the Jefferson County Soil & Water Conservation District Open House on December 2nd from 11:30-3:00 at their offices in Burrville, noting that Executive Director Christine Watkins will be retiring soon.

County Attorney David Paulsen advised that there was new activity on the opioid litigation that can not wait for Board approval until the December meeting, as there is a deadline for decisions of November 19th. His intention is to have the Clerk of the Board call a Special Board meeting before General Services Committee next week.. He hoped to have information out to the Board by the end of this week regarding what the issues will be.

In a nutshell, he said there are a couple settlements to be approved and the biggest issue is discussing the overall settlement distribution agreement that is in place for New York State whereby the monies from any settlement received by a municipality within New York State will go through the Opioid Settlement Fund and be distributed out into regional areas. He said it is a complicated scheme and there will probably be a lot of questions so he wanted to make sure there was enough time to discuss it and a special meeting is the best time to do that.

Chairman Gray inquired if the Board would be approving all of the settlements individually and an aggregate amount will be approved in the end.

Attorney Paulsen did not believe an overall total may be evident, but small percentages of the money from the State fund will be distributed to the municipalities in cash; larger percentages will be divided up regionally for specific opioid services. He needed an answer from our counsel as to whether we have an option to join in to the State distribution agreement, or whether we are

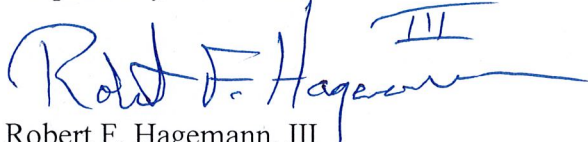
mandated to join in by State law; he knew she does recommend that we join in as we will get better treatment than default distribution agreements with each individual settlement, with each individual defendant. He wasn't sure we would know what a total dollar figure would be, but with each settlement there should be an analysis of how it will be distributed to us individually cash wise and how much will go to our region that will be available for opioid services.

In response to questions Community Services Director Tim Ruetten advised that he understands approximately \$1 million - \$1.8 million over a 10-15 year period, which will be about \$100,000 per year is what we will receive in funding from the settlements.

With regard to whether communities that didn't even join the lawsuit(s) will be entitled to some of the pool of funding, Attorney Paulsen said it appears that is the case from the agreement he has seen, any provider of opioid services (hospitals, rehabilitation centers, counseling, etc.) is able to apply to the State fund for reimbursement grants. He said he did not believe any money would come to the County, it will go from the State directly to the providers for care, and he doesn't think it will be related at all to who has brought suit and who hasn't. He said the cash portion coming directly to municipalities may be directed more towards some that have a suit and some that haven't, but he doesn't have answers to those questions tonight.

There being no further business of the Board, on a motion by Legislator Ferris seconded by Legislator Doldo and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert F. Hagemann, III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and "H".

Robert F. Hagemann, III
Clerk of the Board